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Dear Wilfredo Gajda:

I am responding to your December 14, 2023, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal of the agency's decision issued to you on September 25, 2023, in response to your FOIA request for Cost-of-Living Allowances (COLA) percentage data for July 1972 through July 1974.

According to your appeal, you are seeking the COLA information for 1973, as the publicly available data we provided in response to your initial request does not include this information.

After review, I agree with Michelle L. Christ's decision. Please visit <https://www.ssa.gov/history/briefhistory3.html#colas>, under the section titled "The Story of COLAs" for additional information about why there was no COLA for 1973. Because there was no COLA for 1973, COLA percentage data for 1973 does not exist.

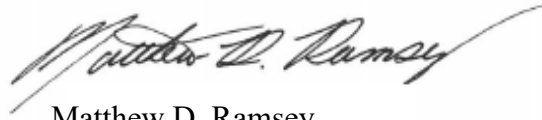
This is the agency's final decision in this matter. If you need further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison. Our FOIA Public Liaison is available by email at FOIA.Public.Liaison@ssa.gov; by phone at 410-965-1727, by choosing Option 2; or facsimile at 410-966-0869.

If you are unsatisfied with our final decision, you still have the option to seek review in a United States district court. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for mediation and dispute resolution services. OGIS is an entity outside of the Social Security Administration. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew D. Ramsey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Matthew D. Ramsey
Executive Director
Office of Privacy and Disclosure